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This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that .rnment of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from earth."—LINCOLN.

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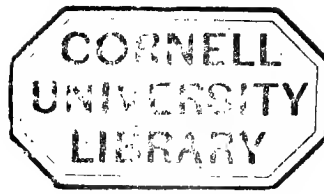

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.

"I was born an American; I live an American; I shall die an American."
—WEBSTER.

The Society of SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION is non-partisan and free from bias in favor of any particular religious denomination.

Its objects are patriotic and social: to cherish and maintain American laws in their integrity and American institutions in their purity; to perpetuate the spirit and memory of the deeds of the patriots who achieved American independence; to promote and encourage the proper observance of anniversaries and days commemorating important events in early American history; to erect monuments marking historic places and statues commemorating heroic names; to preserve documents, relics, and private records relating to persons and events connected with, or who took part in, the establishment of the independence of the United States of America; to encourage such education as will best prepare our children for the discharge of the important duties of American citizenship; and to promote social intercourse and fellowship among its members now and hereafter.

Each Society is in harmony with all other Societies of the kind in the country, and the objects are:

First, to unite in a Society every male resident of each

State who can trace his descent from some person who assisted in establishing American independence.

Second, to preserve the traditions, diaries, letters, and mementos which are now hidden in attics and trunks; and to gather and preserve the relics and records of that period, now in the possession of private persons.

Third, to stimulate the pride of birth, as being American, and descended from Revolutionary ancestors.

Fourth, the Society is especially designed to stimulate a love for our common country, its brave people and grand institutions. This is a work worthy of the earnest support and active sympathy of every true American, and the Society of SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION confidently asks and expects the hearty co-operation and enthusiastic help of sons of Revolutionary ancestors in every State in the Union.

HISTORICAL.

For several years previous to 1876 the country was agitated over the question of celebrating in some fitting manner the centennial anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Public journals and private letters were full of suggestions, and in nearly every city of the Union some preparations were being made for civil and military demonstrations which should emphasize the events that preceded July 4, 1776.

The *Alta California*, of San Francisco, published in its issue of June 29, 1876, the following call:

"The descendants of the Revolutionary patriots are requested to meet at the headquarters of the Grand Marshal at No. 212 Kearny Street, at 8 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of making arrangements to participate in the celebration."

About fifty citizens met in response to this call, marched in the procession, and on the same day organized the California Society of "Sons of Revolutionary Sires."

With the exception of the Cincinnati, this was the first Society in the country, whose members were exclusively descendants from "Revolutionary Sires."

The first circular, published in August, 1876, states the objects of the new Society to be:

"To unite the descendants of Revolutionary patriots and perpetuate the memory of those who took part in the American Revolution and maintained the independence of the United States of America; to promote social inter-

course, mental improvement, and mutual benefit of its members; to organize auxiliaries, co-equal branches, and representative bodies at such time and places as the Directors may determine."

The new Society was intended to be national in its character and work. The news of its organization was published in the West and East. From Massachusetts, New York, the District of Columbia, and other States letters of inquiry were sent to Gen. A. N. Winn, the first President, requesting instructions and asking permission to organize like societies, and commissions were issued to William Schenk, Granby, Oswego County, New York; J. W. Norcross, Lynn, Massachusetts; N. T. E. Chandler, in the Patent Office, Washington, D. C., and to seven others in different States. Apparently nothing came from these early efforts.

The California Society grew and prospered, but no new Societies were formed. On December 4, 1883, a Society was organized in the city of New York under the name of "SONS OF THE REVOLUTION." Its purpose was:

"To keep alive among ourselves and our descendants the patriotic spirit of the men who, in military, naval, or civil service, by their acts or counsel, achieved American independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records, and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution; and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among its members now and hereafter."

The New York Society was at first small and its growth slow. Two things have contributed to its present importance, and show the influence the Society may exert upon the public mind, and its power as a leader in public movements.

Its first great work was to secure the completion of the pedestal of the celebrated Bartholdi Statue of Liberty after the work had been practically abandoned.

Its second was to inaugurate and follow to a successful issue the Washington Centennial of April 30, 1889.

To the SONS OF THE REVOLUTION is due the credit of completing the Statue after it had been practically aban-

doned; while the Centennial celebration was conceived by a member of the SONS OF THE REVOLUTION, and was carried to a successful issue by the assistance of a committee of SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

The proposition to celebrate the second centennial awakened, if possible, more enthusiasm than did the celebration of 1876, and led to the formation of several new Societies.

Pennsylvania was the first to organize, and then followed other Societies in rapid succession until the organization of the National Society.

CALIFORNIA.

With the exception of the Cincinnati, which is based upon official service and established on the law of primogeniture, the California Society is believed to be the first Society organized with membership based upon service in the cause of American independence and without partisan affiliation, intended to perpetuate American traditions.

LIST OF STATE SOCIETIES, DATES OF ORGANIZATION, AND LIST OF OFFICERS.

CALIFORNIA.

ORGANIZED JULY 4, 1876.

President, Col. A. S. HUBBARD, San Francisco.
Secretary, CHARLES J. KING, San Francisco.
Treasurer, JOHN P. DAMRON, San Francisco.
Registrar, Col. W. B. EASTIN, San Francisco.

NEW JERSEY.

ORGANIZED MARCH 7, 1889.

President, JOSIAH C. PUMPELLY, Morristown.
Secretary, J. LAWRENCE BOGGS, Newark.
Treasurer,
Registrar, JOHN WHITEHEAD, Morristown.

CONNECTICUT.

ORGANIZED APRIL 2, 1889.

President, LUCIUS P. DEMING, New Haven.
Secretary, MEIGS H. WHAPLES, Hartford.
Treasurer, ROLAND B. LACEY, Bridgeport.
Registrar, JONATHAN P. MORRIS, Hartford.

VERMONT.

ORGANIZED APRIL 2, 1889.

President, Hon. GEORGE G. BENEDICT, Burlington.
Secretary, C. S. FORBES, St. Albans.
Treasurer, WILLIAM H. ZOTTMAN, Burlington.
Registrar, Hon. HIRAM A. HUSE, Montpelier.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

ORGANIZED APRIL 18, 1889.

President, Hon. J. P. RICHARDSON, Columbia.
Secretary and Registrar, U. R. BROOKS, Columbia.
Treasurer, A. P. BROWN, Columbia.

MASSACHUSETTS.

ORGANIZED APRIL 19, 1889.

President, Hon. CHARLES H. SAUNDERS, Cambridge.
Secretary, ALFRED L. BROOKS FRY, Boston.
Treasurer, Col. JOHN L. STEVENSON, Boston.
Registrar, L. L. TARBEE, Boston.

MARYLAND.

ORGANIZED APRIL 20, 1889.

President, Gen. BRADLEY T. JOHNSON, Baltimore.
Secretary, JOHN R. DORSEY, Baltimore.
Treasurer, FRANCIS PUTNAM STEVENS, Baltimore.
Registrar, WM. FRANCIS CREGAR, Annapolis.

OHIO.

ORGANIZED APRIL 22, 1889.

President, Rev. WILSON R. PARSONS, Worthington.
Registrar and Treasurer, HENRY A. WILLIAMS, Columbus.
Secretary, A. A. GRAHAM, Columbus.

KENTUCKY.

ORGANIZED APRIL 23, 1889.

President, Hon. WILLIAM LINDSAY, Frankfort.
Secretary, JOHN W. BUCHANAN, Louisville.
Treasurer, GRANT GREEN, Frankfort.
Registrar, E. PORTER THOMPSON, Frankfort.

MISSOURI.

ORGANIZED APRIL 23, 1889.

President, JOSIAH FOGG, St. Louis.
Registrar and Secretary, H. J. BLISS, St. Louis.
Treasurer, Dr. CHARLES E. BRIGGS, St. Louis.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ORGANIZED APRIL 24, 1889.

President, Hon. CHARLES R. MORRISON, Concord.
Secretary and Treasurer, } Hon. ISAAC W. HAMMOND,
Registrar, } Concord.

ALABAMA.

ORGANIZED JUNE 18, 1889.

President, Capt. JOSEPH F. JOHNSTON, Montgomery.
Secretary Treasurer, } Col. ST. GEO. T. C. BRYAN, Bir-
Registrar, } mingham.

TENNESSEE.

ORGANIZED DECEMBER 2, 1889.

President, Rev. D. C. KELLEY, D.D., Nashville.
Secretary and Treasurer, } JOSEPH G. BRANCH, Nashville.
Registrar, }

MINNESOTA.

ORGANIZED DECEMBER 26, 1889.

President, Hon. ALBERT EDGERTON, St. Paul.
Secretary and Treasurer, A. S. TALLMADGE, St. Paul.

ARKANSAS.

ORGANIZED 1889.

President, Col. SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, Little Rock.
Secretary, Prof. JOSIAH H. SHINN, Little Rock.
Treasurer, Hon. JAMES MITCHEL, Little Rock.
Registrar,

RHODE ISLAND.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY, 1890.

President, Rev. E. B. ANDREWS, D.D., Providence.
Secretary, THEODORE F. TILLINGHAST, Providence.
Treasurer, OLNEY ARNOLD, Providence.
Registrar, EDWARD FIELD.

WISCONSIN.

ORGANIZED JANUARY 14, 1890.

President, DON J. WHITTEMORE.
Vice-President, Prof. JAMES D. BUTLER, Madison.
Secretary, Capt. CHAS. KING, U. S. A., Milwaukee.
Registrar, WILLIAM W. WIGHT, Milwaukee.
Treasurer, PAUL D. CARPENTER, Milwaukee.

INDIANA.

ORGANIZED JANUARY 16, 1890.

President, Col. SAMUEL MERRILL, Indianapolis.
Secretary, CHARLES W. MOORES, Indianapolis.
Treasurer, Rev. C. H. MCDOWELL, Indianapolis.
Registrar, DAVID E. SNYDER, Indianapolis.

MICHIGAN.

ORGANIZED JANUARY 18, 1890.

President, Hon. H. B. LEDYARD, Detroit.
Secretary and Treasurer, FREDERICK T. SIBLEY, Detroit.
Registrar, SILAS FARMER, Detroit.

DELAWARE.

ORGANIZED JANUARY 29, 1890.

President, HON. THOMAS F. BAYARD, Wilmington.
Secretary and Treas., ALBERT W. CUMMINS, Wilmington.
Registrar, L. B. JONES, Wilmington.

WEST VIRGINIA.

ORGANIZED JANUARY 31, 1890.

President, Hon. JOHN J. JACOBS, Wheeling.
Secretary and Registrar, Hon. GEO. L. CRANMER, Wheeling.
Treasurer, ROBERT WHITE, Wheeling.

ILLINOIS.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 11, 1890.

Vice-President, Rt. Rev. CHAS. T. CHENEY, D.D., LL.D., Chicago.
Secretary, Capt. RICHARD ROBINS, Chicago.
Treasurer, Lieut. Com'der HORATIO L. WAIT, Chicago.
Registrar, JOHN D. VANDERCROOK, Chicago.

At the organization of the New Jersey Society the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, There are now organized Societies of the SONS OF THE REVOLUTION in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, It is desirable, in view of the approaching one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States, that there shall be sister Societies organized in every State and Territory in the Union, particularly in the thirteen original States, that their members may participate in this centennial celebration,

Resolved, That the President of this Society when elected, and the two delegates to the National Society, are hereby appointed a committee to invite the appointment of a like committee from the New York and Pennsylvania Society, to co-operate with them and to meet with the descendants of Revolutionary ancestors from the different States and Territories, and assist in organizing Societies whose memberships shall be composed exclusively of descendants of Revolutionary statesmen, soldiers, and sailors. Under this resolution the following committee was appointed:

Wm. O. McDowell,
J. C. Pumpelly,
Gen. Wm. S. Stryker.

CALL FOR A CONVENTION TO ORGANIZE A NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

NEWARK, N. J., April 10, 1889.

The special committee of the "Society of the SONS OF THE REVOLUTION of New Jersey," to whom was referred the duty of inviting the organizing of a co-equal sister Society in every State and Territory in the Union and in France, each Society electing delegates to organize a National Society, made up of the president, one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for each one hundred, or fraction of one hundred, exceeding fifty, members; every Society to be entitled to at least three representatives, hereby calls a meeting of such delegates to the National Society, elected or to be elected, to take place at 9 A.M., April 30, 1889, the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington, as first President of the United States, in Fraunce's Tavern, New York, corner of Pearl and Broad streets, in the room where General Washington made his farewell address to the officers of the Revolutionary Army (which has kindly been placed at our disposal by the proprietor for that purpose). It is hoped that every Society will be fully represented.

WM. O. MCDOWELL,
Chairman.

WM. S. STRYKER,
J. C. PUMPELLY,
Special Committee.

At nine o'clock on the morning of April 30, 1889, in Fraunce's Tavern, in the same room in which Washington met the officers of his army and spoke to them his words of farewell, were assembled the following delegates:

Rev. TIMOTHY DWIGHT, D.D., LL.D., Connecticut.
W. O. MCDOWELL, New Jersey.
H. K. SLAYTON, Manchester, N. H.
C. R. MORRISON, Concord, N. H.
FRED. LEIGHTON, Concord, N. H.
LUTHER L. TARBELL, Marlboro, Mass.
FRANK R. STARR, Middletown, Conn.
WILSON L. GILL, Columbus, Ohio.
G. B. ABBOTT, Chicago, Ill.
CLARENCE STUART WARD, Boston, Mass.
FRANKLIN H. HART, New Haven, Conn.
LUCIUS P. DEMING, New Haven, Conn.
JOHN JACKSON HUBBELL, Newark, N. J.
N. C. UPHAM, Fitchburg, Mass.
CHARLES C. PAGE, M.D., New York City, for Alabama.
ANDREW J. WOODMAN, Wilmington, Del.
Major GEORGE B. HALSTEAD, Elizabeth, N. J., for Cal.
J. C. PUMPELLY, Morristown, N. J.
GAIUS PADDOCK, St. Louis, Mo.
G. L. CALLAWAY, Greenville, S. C.
JAMES C. CRESAP, Lieut. U. S. N., Annapolis, Md.

The meeting was called to order by Wm. O. McDowell Esq., chairman of the special committee of the New Jersey Society, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Dwight, President of Yale University.

For two days this Convention was in session and when it adjourned a constitution had been adopted and the National Organization perfected, by the election of the following officers:

President: Hon. LUCIUS P. DEMING, New Haven, Conn.
Vice-President-at-Large: Mr. WM. O. MCDOWELL, Newark, N. J.

Chaplain: The Rev. TIMOTHY DWIGHT, D.D., LL.D., Yale University.
Secretary: Lieut. JAMES C. CRESAP, U. S. N., Annapolis, Md.
Assistant Secretaries:
Mr. WILSON L. GILL, Columbus, Ohio.
Mr. G. L. CALLAWAY, Greenville, S. C.
Mr. CHARLES JAS. KING, San Francisco, Cal.
Treasurer: Mr. GAIUS PADDOCK, St. Louis, Mo.
Registrar: Hon. THOMAS MARSHALL GREEN, Maysville, Ky.

The following gentlemen were elected Vice-Presidents:

A. S. HUBBARD, San Francisco, Cal.
Gov. SIMON B. BUCKNER, Frankfort, Ky.
Major J. C. KINNEY, Hartford, Conn.
Hon. C. H. DENISON, Portland, Me.
Hon. P. C. WASHINGTON, Charleston, W. Va.
Gov. D. R. FRANCIS, St. Louis, Mo.
Col. C. WILLIAMS, Little Rock, Ark.
Hon. G. B. WEST, Birmingham, Ala.
Gov. WADE HAMPTON, Columbia, S. C.
Gov. ROBERT S. GREEN, Trenton, N. J.
Rev. JOHN G. MORRIS, D.D., Baltimore, Md.
Hon. L. L. TARBELL, Marlboro, Mass.
Hon. RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, Fremont, Ohio.
Hon. H. K. SLAYTON, Manchester, N. H.
Mons. EDMOND DE LAFAYETTE, Senateur, Paris, France.
Gov. W. P. DILLINGHAM, Montpelier, Vt.
Admiral D. D. PORTER, U. S. N., for District of Columbia.

For seven months these officers labored to strengthen the existing State Societies and to lay the foundation upon which new Societies should be organized. The work, however, assumed such proportions that President Deming was unable to give to it the time required to perform the duties,

and on the 23d of November, 1889, handed his resignation to the Board of Managers, and Dr. William Seward Webb, of Vermont, was elected his successor.

For a short time the duties of the President were performed by the Vice-President-at-Large, who at once appointed a committee to wait upon Dr. Webb and notify him officially of his election.

Arrangements were immediately made, and a time appointed, when this duty could be performed. On the 7th of December, 1889, this committee, consisting of the ex-President, Hon. LUCIUS P. DEMING, of Connecticut, Chairman, and :

Mr. WILLIAM O. MCDOWELL, of New Jersey,
Major J. C. KINNEY, of Connecticut,
Col. WM. A. CROMBIE, of Vermont,
Mr. MEIGS H. WHAPLES, of Connecticut,
Col. ETHAN ALLEN, of New York,
Ad.-Gen. T. S. PECK, of Vermont,
Gov. R. S. GREEN, of New Jersey,
Mr. HENRY HALL, of New York.
Mr. J. C. PUMPELLY, of New Jersey.
Mr. PAUL REVERE, of New Jersey,
Mr. J. L. BOGGS, of New Jersey,
Mr. L. L. TARBELL, of Massachusetts,
Mr. A. B. FRY, M. E., of Massachusetts,
Mr. WILSON L. GILL, of Ohio,
Mr. C. E. MCDOWELL, of New Jersey,
Mr. H. F. OSBORNE, of New Jersey,
Hon. Wm. H. ARNOUX, of New York,
Mr. Henj. MYER, of New Jersey,
Lieut. JAMES C. CRESAP, U. S. N., Maryland;
and accompanied by :
Hon. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW,
Mr. WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT,
Gen. ALEX. S. WEBB,
Commodore A. VAN SANTVOORD,

Mr. EDMUND C. STANTON,
Mr. LEGRAND B. CANNON,
Mr. SAMUEL D. COYKENDALL,
Colonel FORBES,
Mr. GEORGE R. GIBSON.
Mr. CHESTER GRISWOLD,
Mr. THOS. L. JAMES,
Mr. WM. H. LEE,
Mr. LOGAN C. MURRAY,
Mr. ELLIOT SHEPARD,

and many other distinguished gentlemen who had been invited to accompany the committee, met at the residence of Dr. Webb, in the city of New York.

Letters from

Gov. J. P. RICHARDSON, Vice-President for South Carolina;
Gov. W. P. DILLINGHAM, of Vermont;
Hon. E. W. LECOMPTE, Secretary of State, President of the Maryland Society;
Rev. TIMOTHY DWIGHT, D.D., LL.D., Chaplain of the Society;
Rev. W. R. PARSONS, D.D., President Ohio Society;
Hon. FRANCIS P. STEVENS, Maryland Society;
Adjutant-General JAMES HOWARD, of Maryland;
Hon. CHAS. H. SAUNDERS, President Massachusetts Society;
JOSIAH FOGG, Missouri Society;
Ex-Governor JOHN J. JACOB, Vice-President for West Virginia;
Hon. EDWIN S. BARRETT, Vice-President for Massachusetts;
Hon. WILLIAM LINDSAY, President Kentucky Society;
Hon. JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Connecticut Society;
Mr. JOHN W. BUCHANAN, Secretary Kentucky Society;
Adjutant-General WILLIAM S. STRYKER, of New Jersey Society;
THEO. W. MORRIS, of New Jersey Society;
Admiral DAVID D. PORTER, U. S. Navy, Washington;
Mr. A. J. WOODMAN, Vice-President for Delaware;

and a number of other gentlemen were received, expressing regrets that circumstances prevented their being present and participating in the ceremonies of the occasion.

Speeches of notification and congratulation, followed by a banquet, and the new President assumed the duties of his office with the best wishes of his friends and with bright prospects for the grand National Organization of which he was the recognized head.

NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

President-General, Hon. SEWARD WEBB, N. Y. City, N. Y.
Vice-Pres.- " Mr. WM. O. McDOWELL, Newark, N. J.
" for Alabama, Major GOLDSMITH BERNARD WEST, Birmingham.
" " Arkansas, Colonel SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, Little Rock.
" " California, Col. A. S. HUBBARD, San Francisco.
" " Connecticut, Major J. C. KINNEY, Hartford.
" " Delaware, Mr. A. J. WOODMAN, Wilmington.
" " Illinois, Rt. Rev. C. E. CHENEY, D.D., LL.D., Chicago.
" " Indiana, Hon. W. H. ENGLISH, Indianapolis.
" " Kentucky, Hon. S. B. BUCKNER, Frankfort.
" " Maine, Hon. C. H. DENISON, Wiscasset.
" " Maryland, Rev. JOHN G. MORRIS, D.D., Baltimore.
" " Massachusetts, Hon. EDWIN S. BARRETT, Boston.
" " Michigan, Hon. W. H. BREARLEY, Detroit.
" " Minnesota, Hon. JOHN B. SANBORN, St. Paul.
" " Missouri, Hon. D. R. FRANCIS, Jefferson City.
" " New Hampshire, Hon. H. K. SLAYTON, Manchester.
" " New Jersey, Hon. ROBT. S. GREEN, Elizabeth.
" " New York, Hon. WM. H. A. ARNOUX, New York City.

Vice-Pres. for Ohio, Hon. R. B. HAYES, Fremont.
" " Rhode Island, Hon. E. B. ANDREWS, Providence.
" " South Carolina, Hon. WADE HAMPTON, Columbia.
" " Tennessee, Dr. D. C. Kelly, Nashville.
" " Vermont, Hon. W. P. DILLINGHAM, Montpelier.
" " Virginia, Hon. FITZ-HUGH LEE, Richmond.
" " West Virginia, Hon. JOHN J. JACOB, Wheeling.
" " Wisconsin, Hon WM. D. HOARD, Madison.
" " Dis't Columbia, Admiral D. D. PORTER, U. S. N., Washington.
" " France, EDMOND DE LAFAYETTE, Paris.
Sec'y-Gen., Lieut. J. C. CRESAP, U. S. N., Annapolis, Md.
Ass't-Sec'y-Gen., Mr. CHAS. JAS. KING, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Mr. WILSON L. GILL, Brooklyn, N. Y.
" " Mr. WM. FRANCIS CREGAR, Annapolis, Md.
Treas'r-Gen., Mr. JAMES OTIS, New York City.
Regist'r-Gen., Mr. L. L. TARBELL, Boston, Mass.
Chaplain, TIMOTHY DWIGHT, D.D., LL.D., New Haven, Conn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dr. WILLIAM SEWARD WEBB, Chairman, Vermont.
LUCIUS P. DEMING, Connecticut.
WILLIAM O. MCDOWELL, New Jersey.
EDWIN S. BARRETT, Massachusetts.
GOLDSMITH BERNARD WEST, Alabama.
ROBERT T. S. GREEN, New Jersey.
L. L. TARBELL, Massachusetts.
ALEXANDER S. WEBB, New York.
J. C. CRESAP, Secretary, Maryland.

The following is the National Constitution adopted by the delegates to the National Convention, April 30 and May 1, 1889.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be "The Society of the Sons of the American Revolution" (organized April 30, 1889).

ARTICLE II.

The purposes of the Society are to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants and in the community the patriotic spirit of the men who achieved American Independence, to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records, and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution, and to promote social intercourse and fellowship among its members now and hereafter.

ARTICLE III.

Any person may be eligible for membership in a State Society who is above the age of twenty-one years, and who is descended from an ancestor that assisted, while acting in any of the following capacities, in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution:

A military or naval officer;

A soldier or a sailor;

An official in the service of any one of the thirteen original States or Colonies;

An official in the service of the United States or Colonies;

A recognized patriot who rendered material service to the cause of Independence.

But nothing herein contained shall preclude any State Society from prescribing such requisites of eligibility for membership therein within the foregoing limits as it shall deem proper and expedient.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The Society shall embrace local organizations, co-equal State Societies, and a National representative body.

SEC. 2. When there is but one organization of the Society in a State, it shall constitute the State Society.

SEC. 3. Local Societies may be organized only under direction of the State Society.

SEC. 4. The National organization shall be the National Council of the Society, and shall have adequate powers for the just maintenance of the common interests of the Society.

It shall consist of male delegates, as follows:

(1) The President of each State Society.

(2) One delegate-at-large from each State Society.

(3) One delegate for every one hundred members of the Society within a State, and for a fraction of fifty or over.

SEC. 5. The following named officials shall be eligible as honorary members of the National body, without a vote, provided they are eligible to membership in the Society:

(1) The President of the United States, the Vice-President, and the Chief-Justice.

(2) The Governors of the States and Territories of the Union.

(3) The Superintendents of the United States Military and Naval Academies.

(4) The Presidents of all Universities and all Classical and Technical Colleges in the United States, the charters of which grant authority to confer degrees.

ARTICLE V.

A Society, which shall, in all respects, be co-equal with the State Societies, may be organized under this Constitution,

by not less than seven persons, in any Territory of the United States, in the District of Columbia, or in any foreign State.

ARTICLE VI.

The officers of the National organization shall be a President, Vice-President-at-large, a Vice-President from each State Society, a Secretary and three Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplain, which officers shall constitute the Board of Management.

The President and the Vice-Presidents shall not be eligible for a second re-election as their own successors.

In all meetings of the Board of Management seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII.

The officers of a State organization shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the said organization shall determine. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

All officers shall be elected in such manner and for such period as the State Society shall determine.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Board of Management of the National body shall provide a seal for its own use, and shall provide a badge which shall be the sole badge of the Society.

Each State Society may adopt a seal for its exclusive use.

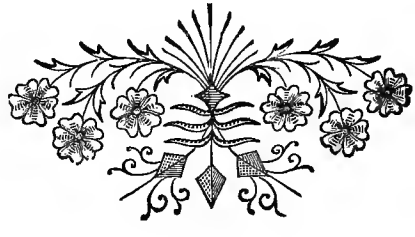
ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. Each State Society shall transmit to the Registrar of the National organization for the records of the Society, on the first day of January in each year (or as soon thereafter as possible), (1) a roll of all the members, or changes therein, with line of descent from Revolutionary ancestor of each, and (2) a description of all important documents collected during the year.

SEC. 2. Each State Society now existing, or which may hereafter be organized, shall remit to the Secretary of the National organization, for transmission to the Treasurer, on the 30th day of April of each year, the sum of 25 cts. (twenty-five cents) for each member in good standing; which money shall be applied to the uses of the Society under the direction of the National Society or of the National Board of Managers.

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the National body by a vote of three fourths of the members present, provided that a notice of sixty days be given by the Secretary of the proposed alteration or amendment.



BY-LAWS.

SECTION I.

The National organization shall hold an annual meeting on the 30th day of April in each year, at which the officers of that body shall be chosen. All nominations of officers shall be made from the floor and not by committee, and the election shall be by ballot. Any person receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected, and shall hold office for the ensuing year and until his successor shall be chosen.

In the event of the appointed day of meeting falling upon Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the following day.

SECTION II.

A special meeting of the National body shall be called at the direction of the President, with the written consent or request of five members of the Board of Management, and a notice of thirty days shall be given by the Secretary of the purpose of such meeting.

SECTION III.

The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, or in his absence a Vice-President taking precedence in the order in which the several State Societies were organized, shall preside at the meetings of the National body. The general duties of the officers shall be such as usually appertain to their offices.

SECTION IV.

The Secretaries of the National organization shall conduct the general correspondence of that body. He shall have charge of the records, documents, and the seal and, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the National body.

He shall, under direction of the President or (in case of his inability) the Vice-President-at-large, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings, and shall attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders, and shall give due notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves, and proceedings affecting them or appertaining to their duties.

SECTION V.

The Treasurer of the National organization shall receive the funds and securities of that body; they shall be deposited in a reliable bank or savings institution, to the credit of the "Society of the Sons of the American Revolution," and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the uses of the Society only, as directed by vote of the Society, or by the Board of Management upon the order of the Secretary and the certificate of the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting shall report the same, at which time a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts.

SECTION VI.

The Registrar of the National organization shall keep a roll of all members of the Society, and shall have the care and custody of all historical, geographical, and genealogical papers, manuscripts, and documents of which that body may become possessed.

He shall make copies, under direction of the Board of Management, of such documents as may be loaned temporarily to the Society. At each annual meeting he shall make a general report.

SECTION VII.

The Board of Management of the National organization shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society ; shall prepare business, and shall authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the payment of current expenses.

It shall superintend the interests of the Society, and shall execute all such duties as may be committed to them by the Society.

It shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring or existing in the National body, and an officer so appointed shall act until the following annual election, or until his successor shall be chosen.

MEMBERSHIP—ELIGIBILITY.

Any person may be eligible to membership in the Society who is a male above the age of twenty-one years, and is descended from an ancestor who assisted in establishing American independence during the War of the Revolution, either as a military or naval officer, a soldier, or a sailor; an official in the service of any of the thirteen original Colonies, or of the United Colonies or States, or of Vermont; a member of a Committee of Correspondence or of Public Safety; or a recognized patriot who rendered material service in the cause of American independence.

Within this law State Societies may make their own rules as to eligibility to membership. They may limit but not extend this. To become a member of the Society it is necessary to fill out and sign two applications, one to be filed with the Secretary of the State Society, and one to be sent to the Registrar-General of the National Society to be preserved among the national records, if the application is approved.

It is expected that these records will bring to light many untold bits of family history and personal bravery heretofore unknown.

National No. ..... State No. .....

The New York Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

OF

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DESCENDANT OF

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Application examined and approved	Accepted by the Board of Management
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State Registrar.	*State Secretary.*

DATES.

Application.....189.....

Filed with Sec'y.....189.....

Notification of election .....189.....

Fees paid .....189.....

Duplicate sent to Registrar General.....189.....

Certificate of Membership delivered.....189.....

Badge delivered (1st Class, Gold).....189.....

Badge delivered (1st Class, Silver).....189.....

Badge delivered (2d Class).....189.....

Officers' Plaque.....189.....

Duplicate Cross.....189.....

Deceased .....189.....

Resigned .....189.....

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

National No..... State No.....

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, N. S., S. A. R.

To be made in duplicate and sent to the Secretary of the State Society, who shall forward one copy, when approved, to the Registrar General of the National Society.

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TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

THE NEW YORK SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

I, ..., being of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, to wit, of the age of....., hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from .....who was born in..... on the.....day of....., 17....., lived in..... .....and who served in the War of the Revolution.

I was born in the.....of.....County of..... State of.....on the.....day of.....18.....

I am the son of.....and .....his wife, and grandson of.....and .....his wife, and great-grandson of .....and .....his wife, and great-great-grandson of.....and .....his wife, and great-great-great-grandson of.....and .....his wife, and great-great-great-great-grandson of .....and .....his wife, and he, the said.....is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of..... .....

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned, a member of the Society.	Signature of applicant.
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	Residence.
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	Occupation.
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ANCESTOR'S SERVICE.

Any man may be eligible to membership in the Society who is above the age of twenty-one years, and is descended from an ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution, either as a military or naval officer, a soldier or a sailor; an official in the service of any of the thirteen original Colonies or of the United Colonies or States or of Vermont; a member of a Committee of Correspondence or of Public Safety; or a recognized patriot who rendered material service in the cause of American Independence.

When the applicant derives eligibility of membership by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, the history of each of said ancestors' services and the intermediate generations of the pedigree may all be written upon these pages; but it is desired that the history of each ancestor shall be written upon a separate blank, when possible.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors if known.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

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The following is a memorandum of the authority for the above statement:

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(Signature of Applicant).....

(The following acknowledgment need not be filled out, unless required by the law of the State Society.)

STATE OF..... } ss. ..... 189.....
COUNTY OF..... }

Personally appeared.....

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signer of the above and foregoing application and statement and made oath that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief before me.

Official Signature,

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This form of application has been approved by the Board of Managers, and they earnestly recommend its general adoption.

The preservation of the evidence which these applications are intended to furnish, is of vital importance in both a historical and genealogical point of view, and while it is even now too late to save many valuable records, and impossible to find the connecting links in many chains of pedigree, others are still accessible and easily traced. The National Registrar will be a central and well-known repository where the historical and genealogical records can be carefully preserved and also made easy of access.

SEAL OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY S. A. R

The seal of the Society is one and seven eighths of an inch in diameter, and consists of the figure of a Minute-man standing by the side of a plough, holding in his right hand a musket, and enveloped by thirteen stars; the whole encircled by a band three eighths of an inch wide, upon which appears the: legend in raised letters: "National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Organized April 30, 1889."

SEAL OF STATE SOCIETIES.

It is recommended by the National Board of Managers that the same design be adopted as the seal for each State Society, with the addition of an inner circle, containing the name of the State and date of organization as follows: "California Society S. A. R., Organized July 4, 1876."

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

LIBERTAS ET PATRIA

INSIGNIA, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

After a careful canvass of many propositions and designs, the Board has adopted as the insignia of the Order, the *decoration*, *legend*, *duplicate*, *ribbon*, and *rosette* proposed by Major Goldsmith Bernard West, Vice-President for Alabama. The designs have been chosen from the sketches and specifications made by J. H. Whitehouse, of Tiffany & Co., of New York.

CROSS OF THE S. A. R.

To be worn on the left breast, or at the collar, on all ceremonial occasions at which the Order may assist or be present; on national occasions when in full dress, or (optionally) when the officer or member is in uniform.

Description of Cross:—Obverse: A silver cross of four arms and eight points, same size as the Chevalier's Cross of the Legion of Honor of France; arms enamelled *white*. In the centre, a gold medallion, bearing bust of General George Washington, in profile, surrounded by a ribbon in blue enamel, on which, in gold letters, is the legend: "Libertas et Patria,"—the motto of the Order. A laurel wreath in green enamel encircles the medallion, midway between it and the points of the cross.

Reverse: Same as obverse, except that the medallion bears the figure of a Continental soldier, and is surrounded by a blue enamelled ribbon, inscribed in letters of gold, "Sons of the American Revolution."

THE EAGLE AND RIBBON.

The cross is surmounted by an eagle in gold or silver, the whole decoration being suspended from the collar or left breast by a ribbon of blue silk with white edges.

SIGNIFICATION.

Quoting from the "Study of the Insignia," submitted by Major West:

The cross of four arms and eight points, enamelled in white, is drawn from the cross of the ancient chivalric Order

of St. Louis of France; but the monarchical lilies which were placed between the arms have been left out. In their place we surround them with the laurel wreath of Republican victory. There are two good reasons for selecting the form of the Cross of St. Louis as the groundwork for our decoration. It was the Grand Master of that Order, Louis XVI., who lent to America the aid she so badly needed to win the fight for national independence; and nearly all of the gallant French officers who personally fought with and for the Colonies were Chevaliers of the Order. It is intended as a recognition of them and their services, and is a compliment to their country and their descendants that we propose, in some part, the form of the historic Cross of St. Louis.

The medallion in gold, which forms the centre of the cross on its obverse side, and bears the bust and profile of Washington, appears too appropriate to demand explanation or argument. The legend surrounding it in letters of gold on a ribbon of blue enamel, "Libertas et Patria," appears at once in keeping with the general design and in harmony with the principles and purposes of the Order. It has since been adopted as the motto of the S. A. R.

The reverse side of the cross is like the obverse, except that the reverse bears on the gold medallion the figure of a "Minute-man," a type of those old Continental soldiers who

> "Left their ploughshares in the mould,
> Their flocks and herds without a fold,"

and rushed to the defence of liberty and country at the first sound of the gun, the echo of which was "heard around the world."

The legend on the ribbon surmounting it is the full title of the Order. Surmounting the cross is the American eagle in gold or silver.

The whole decoration is suspended from the left breast, or collar, by a blue ribbon with white edges. These colors of the Order are selected because of their signification, and

because blue was the color of the uniforms of Washington's staff. Taken altogether, the colors of the ribbon and decoration are the national colors—red, white, and blue.

THE ROSETTE.

The rosette is in the form of a button with a raised cup, made from the ribbon forming a part of the principal decoration. It is to be worn in the upper left-hand button-hole of the coat on all occasions, at discretion, when the full insignia of the Order is not worn.

The rosette being of silk is comparatively inexpensive, and is furnished by the Secretary of the National Society to Secretaries of State Societies, from whom it may be ordered by individual members.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

The Certificate of Membership is issued by the National Society to the State Societies. It is printed upon the best quality of parchment paper by the American Bank Note Company, and is in the best style of the engraver's art. It is surmounted by the American eagle, the emblem of Liberty, and is illustrated by two designs—one representing Washington crossing the Delaware, and the other a scene at Valley Forge. It also has upon it a portrait of Washington, and the coat of arms of the State in which it is used.

Every person admitted to membership in a State Society is entitled to a Certificate, which is numbered by the Registrar-General and authenticated by the signature of the National officers and the officers of the Society in which the member is enrolled.

It is further authenticated by the seal of the National Society on a gold surface, impressed in the lower left-hand corner. These Certificates can be obtained by addressing the Secretary of each State Society.

ABBREVIATED RECORDS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL CONGRESS

HELD AT

LOUISVILLE, KY., ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, AND THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 1890.

The first Congress of the National Society was called to order by Past President-General Lucius P. Deming, of Connecticut. The President-General, Dr. William Seward Webb, was absent in Europe, and in compliance with a vote of the Board of Managers, General Alexander S. Webb was called to the Chair by Mr. Deming, and continued to preside over the deliberations during the entire session of the convention.

A committee, consisting of Hon. Wm. H. Arnoux, Gen. Alexander S. Webb, and Lieut. J. C. Cresap, U. S. N., reported a new Constitution which was adopted by the Congress.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

OF THE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ADOPTED APRIL 30TH, 1890.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The Name of this Society shall be the

"SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society are, to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men who achieved American Independence, by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results, the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries; to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for

performing the duties of American citizens; to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom; to foster true patriotism and love of country; and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any man is eligible for membership, who is of the age of twenty-one years, and who is descended from an ancestor who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence, as a soldier or as a seaman, or a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot; provided that he shall be found worthy.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of making more nearly perfect the records of our Revolutionary ancestors and their descendants, any woman of Revolutionary ancestry may file a record of her ancestor's services and of her line of descent with any Registrar, who shall send a duplicate to the Registrar-General.

SEC. 3. Any person is eligible for honorary membership subject to the limitations as to age and descent established in the case of active members.

SEC. 4. The National Society shall embrace all the members of the Societies of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION now existing or which may be established under this Constitution. Such Societies shall regulate all matters relating to their own affairs, shall judge of the qualifications of their members, and of those proposed for membership, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The General Officers of the National Society shall be a President-General, three Honorary Vice-Presidents-

General, five Vice-Presidents-General, a Secretary-General, Treasurer-General, Registrar-General, Historian-General, Surgeon-General, and Chaplain-General, who shall be elected by ballot by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the National Society and shall hold office for one year and until their successors shall be elected, and who together with the Presidents of the State Societies, *ex-officio,* shall constitute a general Board of Managers, of which Board seven shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. An Executive Committee of seven, of whom the President-General shall be the Chairman, may be elected by the Board of Managers, which Committee shall, in the interim between the meetings of the Board, transact such business as shall be delegated to it by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE V.

DUES.

Each State Society shall pay annually to the Treasurer-General twenty-five cents for each active member thereof. All such dues shall be paid on or before the opening of each annual meeting of the National Society, in order to secure representation therein.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting for the election of the General officers and for the transaction of business, shall be held on the 30th day of April or on the first day of May in every year. The time and place of such meeting shall be designated by the Board of Managers.

SEC. 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President-General when directed so to do by the Board of Managers, or whenever requested in writing so to do by twenty-five or more members representing at least five State Societies, on

giving thirty days' notice specifying the time and place of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

SEC. 3. The following shall be members of all such general or special meetings, and shall be entitled to vote therein:

(1) All the officers, the ex-Presidents-General and the ex-Vice-Presidents-General of the National Society;

(2) The President, and Senior Vice-President of each State Society;

(3) One delegate at large from each State Society;

(4) One delegate for every one hundred members of the Society within a State and for a fraction of fifty or over.

The following named officials shall be Honorary Members of the National Society, provided they are eligible to membership in the Society, but shall not be entitled to vote:

(1) The President, the Vice-President, and the Chief-Justice of the United States;

(2) The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy of the United States;

(3) The Governors of the States and Territories of the United States;

AND ALSO the Senior officer of the Army, and the Senior officer of the Navy of the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

BY-LAWS.

The Board of Managers shall have authority to adopt and promulgate the By-Laws of the National Society, to prescribe the duties of the general officers, to provide the seal, and to designate the insignia.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the National Society, but shall not be acted on

until the next meeting. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be sent to each member, with a notice of the meeting at which the same will be acted upon, at least thirty days prior to said meeting.

A vote of two thirds of those present shall be necessary to its adoption.

This Constitution was signed by Delegates as follows:

Wm. S. Pitts New York

Lucius P. Deming. Connecticut.

George B. Abbott. Illinois

Edwin G. Barrett Massachusetts.

Wm. Henry Arnoux New York.

Wm. E. English, Indiana

S. E. Merwin Connecticut.

Alfred R. Lightfoot, Alabama

John Jackson Hubbell New Jersey

Wilson R. Parsons, Ohio

Don J. Whittemore Wisconsin

W. C. Stamps St. Louis Mo.

L. Backus Columbus Ohio

W. H. Brearley. Michigan

Charles King Wisconsin

Lewis L. Morgan Connecticut

Horace H. Strong "

Ebenezer J. Hale "

C. H. McDowell Indianapolis Ind.

Albert Edgerton St Paul Minn.

Henry Nalle California.

Charles E Briggs Missouri

John W Buchanan Kentucky

William Lindsay Kentucky

Luther L. Tarbell Massachusetts

C. B. Fairchild New Jersey

Edward A. Hill Illinois.

Merrill Moores Indiana.

J. C. Pumpelly New Jersey

Wm Francis Cegar Annapolis. Ind.

William. O. McDowell New Jersey

BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

OF THE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

The Committee on Constitution were directed to prepare a code of By-Laws and report the same to the Board of Managers.

That committee reported on the 31st day of May, 1890. Their report was adopted, and the following By-Laws, together with the Constitution, are now the Laws of the Society.

ARTICLE I.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

All nominations of officers shall be made from the floor, and the election shall be by ballot. A majority shall elect. The nominations may be acted upon directly, or may be referred to a committee to examine and report.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

The duties of the general officers shall be such as usually appertain to their offices, and they shall have such other

duties as are hereinafter imposed. They shall report at the annual meeting and at such other times as they may be required to do by the General Board of Managers.

ARTICLE III.

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

SECTION 1. The President-General, in addition to his general duties, shall be *ex-officio* chairman of the General Board of Managers and of the Executive Committee and a member of every other committee.

SEC. 2. At each annual meeting he shall appoint the following Standing Committees

Committee on Auditing,
" " Correspondence.
" " Credentials,
" " Finance,
" " Organization,
" " Unfinished Business,

The duties of the above committees shall be such as usually pertain to committees of like character, and such as may be defined by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.

VICE-PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

SECTION 1. In the absence of the President-General one of the Honorary Vice-Presidents-General or one of the Vice-Presidents-General shall be elected to preside at the Annual Meeting.

SEC. 2. In the prolonged absence or inability to act of the President-General the executive authority shall be vested in the Vice-President-General first in order of precedence.

ARTICLE V.

SECRETARY-GENERAL.

The Secretary-General, in addition to his general duties, shall have charge of the seal, give due notice of all meetings of the National Society or General Board of Managers, of which he shall be *ex-officio* a member. He shall give due notice to all general officers and State Societies of all votes, orders, and proceedings affecting or appertaining to their duties. He shall distribute all pamphlets, circulars, rosettes, and supplies as directed by the General Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER-GENERAL.

SECTION 1. The Treasurer-General shall collect and receive the funds and securities of the National Society. He shall deposit the same to the credit of the "Sons of the American Revolution" and shall draw them thence for the use of the National Society as directed by it or by the General Board of Managers upon the order of the President-General, countersigned by the Secretary-General. His accounts shall be audited by a committee to be appointed at the Annual Meeting.

SEC. 2. He shall, if so required by the General Board of Managers or the Executive Committee, give bonds for the safe custody and application of the funds.

ARTICLE VII.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

The Registrar-General shall keep a Register of the names and dates of the election, resignation, or death of all members of the several State Societies, and shall have the care and custody of all duplicate applications for membership.

He shall issue, upon the requisition of the Secretary or Registrar of the several State Societies, certificates of membership and insignia to every member entitled thereto, through such Secretary or Registrar.

ARTICLE VIII.

HISTORIAN-GENERAL.

The Historian-General shall have the custody of all the historical and biographical collections of which the National Society may become possessed, and shall catalogue and arrange the same, and shall place the same in a fire-proof repository for preservation.

ARTICLE IX.

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL.

The Chaplain-General shall be a regularly ordained minister, and shall open and close all general meetings of the National Society with the services usual and proper on such occasions.

ARTICLE X.

STATE SOCIETIES.

Every State Society shall

(1) Notify the Secretary-General of the election and appointment of all officers and delegates.

(2) Pay to the Treasurer-General on the first day of March or within sixty days thereafter the sum of twenty-five cents for each active member thereof.

(3) Transmit to the Registrar-General duplicate applications of all accepted members and notify him of the resignation, or death of all members thereof.

ARTICLE XI.

GENERAL BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 1. The General Board of Managers shall prepare and carry out plans for promoting the objects and growth of the Society; shall generally superintend its interests and shall execute such other duties as shall be committed to it at any meeting of the National Society. It shall have charge of the printing of the Diploma and the manufacture of the Insignia, and shall determine the price at which the same shall be issued.

SEC. 2. It shall have authority to admit or re-organize as a State Society any association of fourteen or more persons duly qualified for membership in the Society.

SEC. 3. It shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring among the general officers, and an officer so elected shall act until the following annual election and until his successor shall be elected.

SEC. 4. It shall have authority to make, alter, and amend the by-laws as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. The President-General may call meetings of the General Board of Managers at any time he may deem necessary, and shall call such meeting upon the written request of any five members thereof, provided that not less than five days' notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given.

ARTICLE XII.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President-General may call a meeting of the Executive Committee at any time, and shall call such meeting on the written request of three members thereof.

ARTICLE XIII.

SEAL.

The seal of the Society shall be two and three eighths of an inch in diameter, charged with the figure of a minute-

man grasping a musket in his right hand, and surrounded by a constellation of thirteen stars, who shall be depicted in the habit of a husbandman of the period of the American Revolution and as in the act of deserting the plough for the service of his country; the whole encircled by a band three eighths of an inch wide, within which shall appear the legend "National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized April 30, 1889."

ARTICLE XIV.

CERTIFICATES.

All members of the Society, wherever admitted, shall be entitled to a certificate of membership duly attested by the President-General, Secretary-General, and Registrar-General, countersigned by the President, Secretary, and Registrar of the State Society, to which such member shall have been admitted.

ARTICLE XV.

INSIGNIA.

The Insignia of the Society shall comprise (1) a cross surmounted by an eagle in gold or silver, (2) a duplicate for the same in miniature, (3) a rosette.

SECTION 1. The Cross shall be of silver, with four arms, and eight white enamelled points, same size as Chevaliers' Cross of the Legion of Honor of France, with a gold medallion in the centre, bearing on the obverse a bust of Washington in profile, and on the reverse, the figure of a minuteman, surrounded by a ribbon enamelled blue, with the motto "Libertas et Patria" on the obverse, and the legend, "Sons of the American Revolution" on the reverse; both in letters of gold. The cross shall be surmounted by an eagle in gold or silver, and the whole decoration suspended from a ring of gold by a ribbon of deep blue with white edges, and may be worn by any member of the Society on ceremonial

occasions only, and shall be carried on the left breast, or, if an officer, at the collar.

SEC. 2. The duplicate shall have all the essential features of the cross, but shall be miniature size.

SEC. 3. The rosette shall be seven sixteenths of an inch in diameter, of usual pattern, displaying the colors of the Society, and may be worn by all members at discretion in the upper left hand button-hole of the coat.

ARTICLE XVI.

INDEBTEDNESS.

No debts shall be contracted on behalf of the National Society. Every obligation for the payment of money, except checks drawn against deposits, executed in the name or on behalf of the National Society, shall be null and void.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of three fourths of the members present at any meeting of the General Board of Managers, notice thereof having been given at a previous meeting.

CALIFORNIA.

The first Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION having been organized in California under the immediate supervision of Colonel A. S. Hubbard, of San Francisco, and from that time until now, Colonel Hubbard having unceasingly continued to labor, not only to promote the interests of the California Society, but to increase the interest in the objects which that Society was organized to promote, it was considered by the delegates to the first congress desirable to recognize in some way the obligation which the National Society, and all State Societies, owe to the first Society in California, and to Colonel Hubbard. This feeling found expression in the following resolution, offered by Judge Deming and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, The Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION was first organized in the State of California, on the Fourth of July, 1876, and

WHEREAS, To Colonel A. S. Hubbard, of the California Society, is due, in a large degree, the credit of organizing that Society, and in a still larger degree the credit of maintaining that Society through trials which would have discouraged a less patriotic man, now therefore,

Resolved, That in the publication of the names of the Presidents-General of the National Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, the name of Colonel A. S. Hubbard be hereafter included.

THE AMERICAN FLAG.

The influence of the Society of SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION has been felt in very many ways, and has resulted in awakening a stronger love for the American flag. In many of our States, in consequence of the direct efforts of members of this Society, our flag now waves over public buildings, schools, and colleges, and the sentiment against its being degraded to the position of an advertising medium found expression in the following resolution, presented by J. C. Pumpelly, Esq., of New Jersey, which was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, Our National flag is used for advertising and other purposes not in harmony with the dignity nor the grand purpose for which the same was adopted,

Resolved, That we recommend to our different State Societies, that they request their representatives in Congress to prohibit by proper legislation such misuse of the Flag of our Union.

The following resolution, offered by Judge Wm. H. Arnoux, of New York, was also unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the National Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION hereby request that on the coming Fourth of July all bands of music throughout the United States, in parades, public assemblies, and places of amusement, shall confine themselves to playing our national airs.

After the adjournment of the Louisville Convention, and possibly by reason of the resolutions there passed and the action there taken, the President of the United States ordered and directed that the National flag shall be constantly displayed over the Executive Mansion, instead of occasionally as heretofore.

In recognition of this patriotic order, the following resolution, which was offered by Hon. H. Wm. Arnoux, was unanimously adopted by the Board of Managers, at their meeting of May 31, 1890.

Resolved, That the National Society of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION hereby respectfully present to the President of the United States their approbation of his patriotic determination to continually display the American flag over the White House, and commend his example to all others in authority.

This resolution was at once forwarded to His Excellency, the President, by the Secretary-General. The following is the correspondence upon the subject:

ANNAPOLIS, MD., June 3, 1890.

The SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, through their General Board of Managers, have the honor to present to His Excellency, the President of the United States, the accompanying *Resolution* expressive of their approbation at viewing the daily display of the American Flag over the Executive Mansion.

By direction of the General Board of Managers.

With great respect,

JAMES C. CRESAP, Lieut. U. S. N.,

Secretary-General.

His Excellency,

BENJAMIN HARRISON,

President of the U. S.,

Washington City.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, June 4, 1890.

Lieut. JAMES C. CRESAP,
Annapolis, Md.

MY DEAR SIR:

The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3d instant, enclosing resolutions passed by the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and to express to you, and those for whom you speak, his sincere appreciation of this friendly expression of esteem.

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) E. W. HALFORD,
Private Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, ELECTED APRIL 30, 1890.

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" " Hon. WILLIAM H. ARNOUX, New York.
" " Mr. JOSIAH C. PUMPELLY, New Jersey.
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LIST OF STATE SOCIETIES, DATES OF ORGANIZATION, AND LIST OF OFFICERS ELECTED SINCE MAY 1, 1890.

CALIFORNIA.

ORGANIZED JULY 4, 1876.

President, Col. A. S. HUBBARD, San Francisco.
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President, JOSIAH C. PUMPELLY, Morristown.
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ORGANIZED APRIL 2, 1889.

President, JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Norwich.
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KENTUCKY.

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President, Rev. D. C. KELLY, D.D., Nashville.
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ORGANIZED DECEMBER 26, 1889.

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ORGANIZED JANUARY 14, 1890.

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ORGANIZED APRIL 21, 1890.

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ORGANIZED MAY 16, 1890.

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